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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. At its 25th meeting, on 11 July 2017, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) resumed its consideration of the item. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record.[1]

2. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/71/19);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/71/587 and Add.1);

(c) Letter dated 30 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/658-S/2016/1018);

(d) Letter dated 30 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/71/660-S/2016/1033).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/71/L.18

3. At the 25th meeting, on 11 July, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution

[1] A/C.4/71/SR.25.

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entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/71/L.18).

4. The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications associated with the draft resolution.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/71/L.18 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

6. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolution 70/268 of 14 June 2016,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the United Nations make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop- and police-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee contained in paragraphs 19 to 419 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all steps necessary to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or that participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/71/19).

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".